

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN DIEGO REGION**

TENTATIVE RESOLUTION NO. R9-2014-0042

**APPROVING A NEGATIVE DECLARATION REGARDING POTENTIAL
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE
ADOPTION OF CONDITIONAL WAIVERS OF
WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
FOR LOW THREAT DISCHARGES
IN THE SAN DIEGO REGION**

WHEREAS, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (hereinafter San Diego Water Board), finds that:

1. The adoption of Order No. R9-2014-0041, *Conditional Waivers of Waste Discharge Requirements for Low Threat Discharges in the San Diego Region* (Order) constitutes a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Order will:
 - a. revise and renew 11 waivers adopted by the San Diego Water Board as an amendment to the San Diego Region Basin Plan in Resolution No. R9-2007-0104, which expired in February 2014;
 - b. incorporate a new waiver for discharges from aquatic animal production facilities;
 - c. issue new/revised conditional waivers for 36 specific types of discharges within the San Diego Region, which pose a low threat to the waters of the State, and are not currently regulated by the San Diego Water Board;
 - d. reorganize the waivers by grouping the specific types of discharge into discharge classifications;
 - e. provide general waiver conditions applicable to a discharge or discharge operations for all specific types of discharge within a discharge classification; and
 - f. provide specific waiver conditions for each specific type of discharge within a discharge classification, if applicable.

2. The San Diego Water Board has the principal responsibility for approving the project. Under the CEQA,¹ and CEQA Guidelines,² the San Diego Water Board is functioning as the lead agency and is responsible for preparation of environmental documents.³

¹ Pub. Resources Code section 21000 et seq.

² Cal. Code Regs., title 14, section 15000 et seq.

³ Pub. Resources Code section 21067; Cal. Code Regs., title 14, section 15357.

3. The San Diego Water Board prepared Draft Negative Declaration which includes an Initial Study and Environmental Checklist for the project and circulated these for public review in accordance with the CEQA Guidelines.⁴
4. Based on the reasons specified in the Initial Study, the proposed project will have a less than significant effect on the environment.
5. The San Diego Water Board will file a Notice of Determination for this project with the Governor's Office of Planning and Research within five days from issuance of this Resolution in accordance with California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15075.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The San Diego Water Board:

1. Approves the Negative Declaration for the Order; and
2. Determines that adoption of Order No. R9-2014-0041, *Conditional Waivers of Waste Discharge Requirements for Low Threat Discharges within the San Diego Region* will not have a significant impact on the environment.

I, David W. Gibson, Executive Officer, do hereby certify that this Resolution with all attachments is a full, true, and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region, on June 26, 2014.

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David W. Gibson
Executive Officer

⁴ Cal. Code Regs., title 14, section 15072 and 15073.